

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2004
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DAMAGE TO FOODGRAIN STOCK
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge quantity of foodgrain stocks were damaged as on July 1, 2004 in FCI;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken to reimburse the claim of Punjab Government for spoilt grains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): A quantity of 26, 395 MT of damaged foodgrains was available with the FCI as on 1st July, 2004. The above stock of foodgrains stored in the FCI's godowns got damaged due to natural calamities such as unprecedented rains, floods, cyclones, ballooning of covers, prolonged storage etc.

(c): The Government of Punjab has been asked to furnish the relevant details of the damaged wheat to the FCI with documentary evidence.